

ABSTRACT

An audible confirmation system automatically and seamlessly outputs an audible name of a call recipient to a calling party. This audible confirmation system is preferably configured to audibly identify the call recipient to the calling party prior to the call recipient and the calling party communicating with each other. The audible confirmation system preferably includes a text to speech converter coupled to an intelligent network architecture having at least one calling name database. The audible confirmation system allows the calling party to audibly identify the call recipient to the calling party without any input from the call recipient and without using any special equipment such as a display screen by the calling party. The audible confirmation system is especially useful when the call recipient does not have voice mail service and is not available to receive a call. For example, by utilizing the audible confirmation system, the calling party is able to confirm the identity of the call recipient prior to leaving a confidential message for the call recipient by utilizing the calling party's voice mail delivery system for automatically delivering the confidential message to the call recipient.